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SENATE BILL

No. 1415

Introduced by Senator Brulte

February 19, 2004

An act to add Article 1.5 (commencing with Section 66725) to Chapter 9.2 of Part 40 of the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1415, as amended, Brulte. Postsecondary education: Donahoe Higher Education Act: common course numbering system.

Existing law, known as the Donahoe Higher Education Act, sets forth, among other things, the missions and functions of California's public and independent segments of higher education, and their respective institutions of higher education. Provisions of the act apply to the University of California only to the extent that the Regents of the University of California, by appropriate resolution, act to make a provision applicable.

Existing law requires the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to develop, maintain, and disseminate a general common course numbering system for use by community college districts.

This bill would provide that, not later than January June 1, 2006, each eampus of the California Community Colleges and the California State University shall adopt, and each eampus of the University of California and private postsecondary institutions may adopt, a common course

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numbering system for the 20 highest-demand majors in the respective segments. The bill would require the California Articulation Number (CAN) Board to adopt and maintain a statewide common course numbering system for the California Community Colleges, the California State University, the University of California, and participating private postsecondary educational institutions. The bill would further require each campus of a public postsecondary educational institution to incorporate the common course numbering system in its catalogue by identifying each course for which a California articulation number has been adopted by its CAN identifier. The bill would specify that the incorporation of these numbers into a campus catalogue would occur at the next adoption of a campus catalogue after January June 1, 2006.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Article 1.5 (commencing with Section 66725) is added to Chapter 9.2 of Part 40 of the Education Code, to read:

Article 1.5. Common Course Numbering System

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66725. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to facilitate articulation seamless and integration of California's postsecondary institutions by facilitating the adoption and integration of a common course numbering system among the public and private postsecondary institutions. The purpose of building and implementing a common course numbering system is to provide for the effective and efficient progression of students within and among the higher education segments and to minimize duplication of coursework.

66725.3. (a) Not later than January 1, 2006, each campus of

- (b) The Legislature finds and declares both of the following:
- (1) Effective transfer programs provide a clear path for 18 obtaining the preparation necessary for upper-division major coursework and graduation at a four-year college or university. The segments have made significant progress in developing articulation agreements that specify required coursework and

other academic preparation necessary for transfer students to

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succeed at a four-year institution. These articulation agreements are essential to provide the basis for a common course numbering system that facilitates transfer student success.

- (2) In implementing this article, the public postsecondary educational institutions and other parties involved should assess programs and build upon those proving to be the most effective in communicating articulation, such as the California Articulation Number (CAN) system, the Intersegmental Major Preparation Articulated Curriculum (IMPAC) project, the Intersegmental 10 General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC), and the Articulation System Stimulating Interinstitutional Student Transfer (ASSIST).
 - 66725.3. (a) Not later than June 1, 2006, the California Community Colleges and the California State University shall adopt, and each campus of the University of California and private postsecondary institutions may adopt, a common course numbering system as adopted by the California Articulation Number (CAN) Board.
 - (b) Not later than June 30, 2005, the CAN Board shall adopt and maintain a statewide common course numbering system for the California Community Colleges, the California State University, the University of California, and participating private postsecondary educational institutions. for the 20 highest-demand majors in the respective segments.
 - (b) Not later than June 30, 2006, the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges and the Trustees of the California State University shall, and the Regents of the University of California are requested to, report to the Legislature on the status of the activities of their respective segments as they relate to subdivision (a) and on the plans of their respective segments to implement a common course numbering system for the majors that are not covered by subdivision (a).
 - (c) Each campus of a public postsecondary educational institution shall incorporate the common course numbering system in its catalogue by identifying each course for which a California articulation number has been adopted by its CAN identifier. This incorporation into a campus catalogue shall occur at the next adoption of a campus catalogue after January June 1,

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1 66725.5. It is the intent of the Legislature to accomplish all of the following:

- (a) In implementing this article, the public postsecondary educational institutions and other parties involved should build upon existing programs and activities, such as the existing California Articulation Number (CAN) system, the Intersegmental Major Preparation Articulated Curriculum (IMPAC) Project, the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC), and the Articulation System Stimulating Interinstitutional Student Transfer (ASSIST).
 - (b) The University of California should fully participate in and implement the provisions of this article.
- 13 (e) The annual Budget Act should be utilized to ensure the 14 participation of each of the public postsecondary educational 15 institutions in the purposes of this article.